

UCB Badger Wrestling Program Under New Leadership

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Big changes happened to the UCB Badger wrestling program over the summer and fall.

Veteran head coach Wayne Otto stepped away from the program, leaving his position in the hands of assistant coaches Troy Sperr and Gemenie Strehlow.

The duo is teaming up together as co-head coaches for the 2018-19 season.

The Badgers are fortunate to have only lost one athlete from last year's squad. "We will return many experienced wrestlers," commented Sperr.

Losing Sam Wamre to graduation will leave some big shoes to fill. Wamre placed in the state wrestling tournament

the past two years.

"These are really big shoes to fill and everyone on the team will need to step things up a notch," stated Sperr.

Team captains for the season are Garrett Peterson, Hunter Magnussen and Bailey Johnson.

"Many of our athletes participate in three sports and stay active year-round," said Sperr. "That will help improve with every match and keep building as a team."

Perham is the team to beat. "We have a very strong section and Perham will be the one we strive to beat."

"They went to state last year and are returning most of their squad," explained Sperr.

Otto said he is looking forward to a fun and exciting year with the UCB Badgers.

Completing the varsity UCB Badger wrestling line-up are:

Taylor Johnson 8 106
Zack Cole 10 113



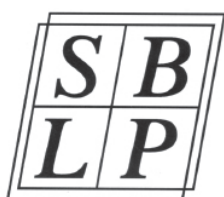
The United Clay Becker Badgers varsity wrestling team members are, left to right, front row-Jackson Mikkelsen, Tyler Geray, Taylor Johnson, Tanner Wetli, TJ Hines, Landon Bergren; middle row-Hoyt Anderson, Carston Hamre, Zach Cole, Nathan Sperr, Sam Helgeson, Kameron Smith, Darin Kroshus, Garrett Peterson, Jacob Beaudine-Schlick; back row-Caleb Dyrud, Ethan Anderson, Ryan Sperr, Xavier Strehlow, Joey Stuhaug, Tanner Weyer, Hunter Magnusson, Andrew Wetli, Thomas Hoffman, Sanden O'Connell, Jack Mattson, Bradley Steinbach, Bailey Johnson and Wyatt Dunham.

Nathan Sperr 11 120	Travis Wetli 7 106
Sam Helgeson 10 126	Kameron Smith 9 126
Garrett Peterson 12 132	Tyler Geray 7 132
Sanden O'Connell 12 138	Ethan Anderson 9 138
Xavier Strehlow 9 138	Tucker Mahoney 7 138
Andrew Wetli 10 145	James Bergren 7 145
Hunter Magnusson 12 152	Zeke Noel 8 145
Jacob Beaudine-Schlick 10 160	Ryan Sperr 8 152
Bailey Johnson 12 170	Landon Bergren 9 160
Darin Kroshus 9 170	Caleb Dyrud 9 160
Jack Mattson 12 182	Tanner Weyer 10 160
Joey Stuhaug 12 195	Thomas Hoffman 10 170
TJ Hines 12 220	Hoyt Anderson 7 182
Wyatt Dunham 9 285	Carston Hamre 9 182
	Bradley Steinbach 9

Completing the junior high and junior varsity UCB Badger wrestling line-up are:
Jackson Mikkelsen 7 106

The UCB team is a cooperative sponsorship between Hawley High School and Lake Park-

Audubon. "Many of our wrestlers have been working hard and are pushing themselves to the limit the wrestling room," concluded Sperr.



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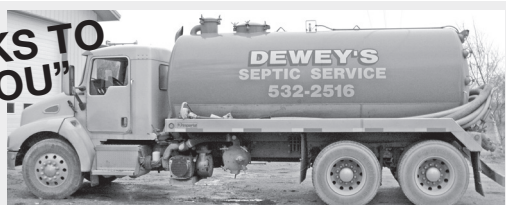
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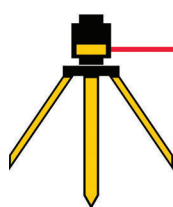
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